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## Businesses to Get Help in landing Ft. Bliss Contracts

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EL PASO, TX. - In a matter of days, small business owners get a lesson on cashing-in on growth at Fort Bliss. With much to be done in advance of the 20,000 soldiers expected at Fort Bliss over the next few years, one group has a plan for businesses and owners.

In just under one week, the US Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce is hosting "industry day." It will be held at the EPCC campus off Viscount.

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Mamie Salazar-Harper owner of Fiesta Rent-to-Own tells ABC-7 she already rents appliances and furniture to military families. She also rents

corporate apartments to soldiers and believes growth at Fort Bliss will help benefit small business owners across the Sun City.

Ms. Salazar-Harper adds, "I'm very excited this is such a fabulous opportunity for our community not only do we actually have the opportunity to get federal contracts straight through Ft. Bliss but we also have the opportunity to provide support products and services for other contractors who are coming into our area."

According to the groups, the event is a way for business owners to learn what kinds of contracts are coming to El Paso and how to get their hands on one before then are snapped-up by out-of-state investors.

For more information, interested parties are asked to call 915-629-6714. Below are the areas of expertise that the post is generally looking for

- 1) planning, design, estimating, and construction
- 2) Site planning and site verification
- 3) site engineering to include subsurface investigations, laboratory analysis, and final geotechnical report
- 4) pavement design
- 5) coordinate with utility providers and Land Development Engineer, and other product line contractors
- 6) acquiring all local, state and federal permits
- 7) architecture and interior design to include building exterior and interior, signage, and comprehensive

furniture package

8) design of telecommunications systems and service

9) lightning protection systems

10) heating, ventilation, and air conditioning to include building automation systems, testing, adjusting and balancing, and commissioning

11) energy conservation

12) fire protection

13) sustainable design solutions to meet a minimum LEED Silver/SPIRiT Gold to support the MILCON program

14) site electrical systems

15) meetings and design review conferences

16) design configuration management

17) quality control systems

18) safety plans

19) environmental protection through the following products: environmental protection plans, incorporating protection features, environmental assessment of contract deviations, land resources plans, monitoring water resources, air resource monitoring and control, chemical materials management and waste disposal, recycling and waste minimization, preservation of historical, archaeological, and cultural resources, protect biological resources, integrated pest management, post construction clean-up

20) traffic control plans

21) scheduling and phasing

22) preparation of design drawings on AutoCadd and Microstation

23) and development of as-built drawings.



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